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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 35, 37, 38, and 41-48 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 22-25, 27, 30, 36, 39, 40, and add new claims 49-58 as follows:

22. (Amended) A polishing apparatus for polishing a surface of a workpiece, comprising:

a turntable having an abrasive cloth at an upper surface thereof;

a top ring positioned above said turntable for supporting the workpiece to be polished and pressing the workpiece against said abrasive cloth;

a top ring drive shaft coupled to said top ring;

a bearing for allowing said top ring to tilt upon changes in the inclination of said upper surface of said turntable;

a plurality of biasing members rigidly attached to said top ring; and

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